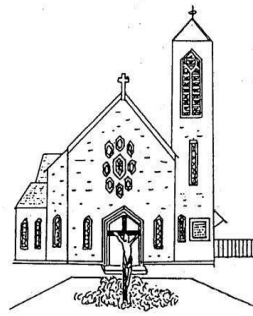


Sunday
27th April 2025
2nd Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:12-16
Ps 118(117):2-4. 22-24. 25-27a. R1
Revelation 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19
John 20:19-31

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The month of April is dedicated to The Holy Spirit.

Masses & Devotions

Intentions

Saturday 26 th	Adoration 4:30 pm -5:30 pm Confessions 5:30 pm -6 pm Mass 6pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 27 th	Confessions 9-9:30 am Mass 9:30am	The ancestors of the Whitlock family
Monday 28 st	-	-
Tuesday 29 th	(devotion to St Anthony) Mass 7pm	Sarsfield Mc Donald (RIP)
Wednesday 30 th	Mass 9:30am	(Repose of the soul of Pope Francis)
Thursday 1 st	(adoration 5:30pm to 6:30 pm) Mass 6:30pm	Tessa Creighton (RIP)
Friday 2 nd	Mass 9:30am	Sarsfield Mc Donald (RIP)
Saturday 3 rd	(Adoration and confessions 4:30 pm) Mass 6pm	People of the Parish
Sunday 4 th	Mass 9:30am	People of the Parish

****(Rosary 15 minutes before 9:30 Mass each weekday, except Tuesday & Sunday, and before 6pm Mass on Saturday evening)****

St Clare's SVP Conference: Another St Clare's family are enjoying a holiday at the Holiday Home this week. We have received donations from a parishioner at St Anthony's and the local SVP District Council. We have also been offered a vacuum cleaner and an under-counter fridge. We thank those responsible. Please contact SVP via the website (<https://stclaresvp.co.uk>) or by messaging Steve (07838089298) to inform us of those in need. Keep safe and well, Steve.

Tea & Coffee after 9.30am Mass on Sundays. This weekend, it's Veronica and Mike raising money for the Holiday Home. Next week Jenny and Rita will lead the event, with proceeds going towards the Church gardening efforts.

Divine Mercy: A plenary indulgence can be obtained by going to a church on Divine Mercy Sunday “in a spirit that is completely detached from the affection for a sin, even a venial sin,” and participating in the prayers held in honour of Divine Mercy.

Foodbank Donations: Please keep donations coming, placing them on the trolley in the cupboard next to the Altar of the Sacred Heart. They will be taken to the Warehouse at the month’s end.

Easter Tomb: Thanks to the St Clare’s Mini Vinnies for their efforts in providing such a moving vision of the Easter story!

Fundraiser for the RNLI: A fundraiser will take place outside the 200 Degrees coffee shop on Bridge Street on Saturday 3rd May from 10:00 - 15:00. If you would be happy to volunteer for an hour plus, please email frances.douglas2@btemail.com.

Watch ‘The King of Kings’ in cinema today! The Vue cinema in Cheshire Oaks is showing a new animated Christian film until the month’s end. This could be a good opportunity to support films of faith and help our children get in touch with their faith through different means.

Supporting the Vocation to Marriage & Family Life: Join Jane Deegan, the Director of Marriage and Family Life Vocation, for a retreat day on the 7th of June 2025 between 9.30am-4.00pm in the Parish Hall of Holy Angels Church (Wicker Lane, Hale Barnes WA15 0HG). To Register and for More Information please contact: Monika at monika.golembiewska@dioceseofshrewsbury.org or Jane at jane.deegan@dioceseofshrewsbury.org

Marriage Help: Retrouvaille (www.retrouvaille.org.uk) helps couples find hope and healing for their marriage. The next date for the programme is the 20-22nd of June this year. Please make contact for further information (0788 7296983).

May 11th Bring- Your-Own-Food for Parish Shared Lunch: We are planning a shared lunch next month in the primary school, when we hope parishioners will bring along food items to eat together. Mark the date in your diary and come along for a coffee, lunch and to take part in a raffle. Further details to follow in upcoming weeks. Email your interest in participating in this event to contact@stclares.co.uk or sign up in Church.

A fabulous £1,127 raised for the Jumbalance and a Trip to Lourdes! It’s encouraging to see such support from our parishioners for this wonderful trust. For anyone wanting to find out about going to Lourdes with Across, please contact Tony Murphy on 07881-656-974 or tonymurphyefc2002@yahoo.co.uk.

Gardening: volunteers are always welcome, at the moment we are cutting back on hedges, seeking to plant a few bushes and developing a compost heap. Many thanks for your support!

Please pray for the sick, elderly and housebound, including Judy Kearney, Rosemary Roberts, Eileen Wyatt, Veronica Creaney, Geoffrey Prendergast, Cynthia Lloyd, Alan Challinor, Jenny Jarvis, Margaret Russell, Rob Davies and Andrea Burns.

The Funeral of Sarsfield Mc Donald: The death has occurred of Sarsfield Mc Donald, whose funeral service will take place at the Church of St. Francis of Assisi in Chester on May 1st at 9.30am.

Anniversaries Around this Time: 27th April – 3rd May

Jaqueline Whiteley, Kenneth Victor Kelly, Annie Hare, Patrick Joseph O’ Connor, and Michael Garwood.

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Chester Hospitals’ Chaplaincy: Tel: 01244 364543, answer phone available

Choir and music for Sunday Mass: Kate Hughes kate.hughes@me.com

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Parish Office hours: Wednesday 8.30am to 1pm (Parish House).

If you wish to donate to St Clare’s: Bank sort code 30 15 52 Acct 54579560 or see Mike Russell for a standing order. St Clare’s Parish is part of the Diocese of Shrewsbury, Reg. Charity 234025